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Amounts spent (excluding donations) by some of the PSUs on peripheral/social welfare activities for the Cast four years.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the PSU	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-9f
SAIL	231.00	297.18	280.50	425.3C
KIOCL	Nil	Nil	30.50	9.4(
RINL	—	174.28	314.00	107.W
MECON	2.53	3.59	3.31	4.3S
NMDC	0.16	27.94	24.01	17.94

Effect of Late Monsoon on Crops

*291. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the late monsoon has adversely affected the Kharif crop particularly the staples like Bajra and Jowar and pulses such as Urad and Moong;

(b) if so, to what extent;

(c) the overall quantum of crop which has been affected in the floods in Punjab and Haryana;

(d) whether due to dry spell the crop has been affected in Western Maharashtra particularly in Nasik, Ahmcdnagar and Punc districts and in Aurangabad district of Marathwada; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF AGRI CULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR):

(a) and (b) The late arrival of monsoon has slightly affected the kharif crops like Jowar, Bajra due to delayed sowing. Production of Kharif coarse cereals during the current year may be lower by about 1 million tonnes as compared to that of last year. The kharif pulses have not been reported to be affected adversely in the current year.

(c) As per reports received from the States, standing rice crop in an area of 2.53 and 6.62 lakh hectares was reported to have been affected by the floods in varying degree during 1995 in Punjab and Haryana respectively.

(d) and (c) Due to dry spell of about three weeks in the month of August, the standing crops were affected in the districts of Western Maharashtra, particularly in Nasik, Ahmcdnagar and Pune and Aurangabad district of Marathwada. The magnitude of impact varied from 10 to 30 percent in various districts.

Upgradation of the Status of Central Ground Water Board

*292. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to upgrade the status of the Central Ground Water Board;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the date from which the status of the Board is likely to be upgraded?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have set up a committee under the Chairmanship of Minister of State for Water Resources to study, inter alia, the upgradation of the status of Central Ground Water Board.

(b) A High Level Multi-Disciplinary Committee constituted by the Government had made recommendations concerning revised goals, objectives, organisational structure, functions and responsibilities of the Board in terms of its achievements and also keeping in view the developments in this field over the

past three decades. These recommendations were subsequently considered by an Empowered Committee and it was decided that the Board might be entrusted with the additional responsibilities as recommended by the High Level Multi-Disciplinary Committee. In order to enable the Board to handle the additional responsibilities entrusted to it, it is considered necessary to upgrade its status.

(c) Upgradation of the status of Central Ground Water Board depends on the recommendations of the Committee constituted for the purpose.

Pricing Structure of Food-Grains

*293. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report has been submitted by the Commission for Agriculture Costs and Prices (CACP) on the pricing structure for food-grains procurement;

(b) what is the view of the CACP on the policy of staggered purchases with a graduated price structure for food-grains procurement; and

(c) what is the policy being followed at present by FCI and how for this endorses the report of the CACP?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (c) The Commission for Agriculture Costs and Prices (CACP) has submitted its report on Price Policy for Rabi Crops of 1995-96 season to be marketed in 1996-97.

The Views of the CACP on the question of staggered purchases with a graduated price structure for foodgrains procurement are contained in this report which is under consideration of the Government.

As per present policy, the Food Corporation of India procures foodgrains from the farmers at the minimum support prices announced by the Central Government.

Import of Fortum Formulations and Ceftazidime

*294. PROF. I. G. SANADI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the imports of Fortum formulations and bulk drug Ceftazidime in 1988-89 and 1989-90;

(b) the imports of this bulk drug during 1990-91 to 1994-95 in terms of quantity and CIF value;

(c) the reasons for the reducing the price of formulations based on this drug and Cefaclor under Para 10(b) of DPCO, 1995; and

(d) whether it is a fact that review of list of price controlled bulk drugs is being with held to protect such drugs and their producers?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS: (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) the details of import in respect of Fortum Injection during 1988-89 and 1989-90 is given below:

Year	Quantity	C.I.F.(Rs.)
1988-89	95000 vials	1,22,87,290 mg
1989-90	(i) 63945 vials x 250	20,83,474 mg
	(ii) 54600 vials x 500	35,54,322 gm
	(iii) 1,95000 vials x 1	2,52,70,541

The details of import of bulk drug Ceftazidime is given below:—

Year	Quantity	CIF. (Rs.)
88-89, 89-90 90-91	Nil	Nil
91-92	446.53 kg	3,02,55,093
92-93	940.97 kg	7,56,81,524
93-94	458.11 kg	2,74,69,295
94-95	1245.00 kg	12,97,22,963

(SOURCE: Directorate General of Health Services, Department of Health)